

### Memorandum

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From: Alex Warzinski, CDM Smith

*Date:* August 12, 2019

Subject: Summary of Oversight of Physical Water Column Monitoring and Equipment

Servicing

July 29-August 1, 2019

Lower Passaic River Restoration Project

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Kansas City District, CDM Federal Programs Corporation (CDM Smith) traveled to the Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) on Monday, July 29 through Thursday, August 1, 2019 and provided field technical oversight for the first round of surface water sampling and second round of mooring servicing associated with the Physical Water Column Monitoring (PWCM) program.

Transect sampling at river miles (RMs) 12.0 and 13.5 was completed on Sunday, July 28, but CDM Smith personnel were unable to observe because of limited room on the one boat present that day. With an additional boat present Monday, July 29 onwards, CDM Smith personnel observed two transects sampled at the following RMs: RM 8.4 and RM 10.2. An additional longitudinal transect was sampled along the salt front, covering 1 mile upstream and 2 miles downstream of the 2 parts per thousand (ppt) salinity reading obtained during YSI screening. During the field event, the four above RM locations as well as the RM 15.8 mooring were serviced. The locations consist of a surface buoy and bottom mooring, except at RM 15.8, which is shallow and only has a surface buoy. Surface buoys have a YSI sonde mounted to collect conductivity, turbidity, and temperature data. The bottom moorings house a YSI sonde collecting the same parameters as well as an acoustic doppler current profiler (ADCP) to measure flow velocity. Field activities included cleaning the moorings, downloading the data, confirming equipment functionality, and redeployment. In addition, a vertical YSI profile was collected at each location, from river surface to bottom. Field activities were conducted by Ocean Surveys, Inc. (OSI) and AECOM on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG). Anchor QEA provided field support on behalf of the CPG.

The fixed point monitoring locations are presented in Figure 1 (note this figure is from the CPG's PWCM Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)). Oversight was conducted in accordance with CDM Smith's Final

A copy of the field logbook notes is provided in Attachment 2. A copy of the sample tracking log is provided in Attachment 3.

# Summary of Monday, July 29, 2019 Field Activities

### **Personnel in Attendance**

Alex Warzinski – CDM Smith Ken Cadmus – OSI Alexandra Allen – OSI Kristen Durocher – AECOM Steve Howe – AECOM Mike Tatarelli – AECOM Chris Pelrah – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the 1 Madison Road boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with equipment for sampling. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith drove to Frank Vincent Marina in Kearny, New Jersey to launch the support boat for observation and oversight. AECOM and OSI had previously completed the transect sampling at RM 12.0 and RM 13.5 on Sunday, July 28; CDM Smith did not provide field oversight on Sunday, July 28 because the support boat was not available that day.

All personnel mobilized to RM 10.2 to begin collecting surface water samples on the ebb tide. Seven locations (location 1 through location 7, from left to right across the river when facing upstream) were occupied for purposes of collecting water quality data or collecting water quality data and surface water samples for analysis. For the duration of the transect, flow data was obtained from a boat-mounted ADCP. Vertical YSI profiles were collected from all seven positions. Samples were collected from positions 2, 4, and 6 at two depth intervals (surface and bottom), in accordance with the approved CPG QAPP. For all sample locations, the bottom depth interval was sampled first, following a vertical YSI profile from surface to bottom. Sample containers were filled directly from the free-flowing outlet of the peristaltic pump.

All personnel mobilized to RM 8.4 to begin collecting surface water samples on the ebb tide. Samples and YSI profiles were collected as described above. Kristen Durocher informed the crew that all RM 8.4 locations had been shifted because the locations, as marked in the CPG QAPP, extended out of the water and into the treeline. AECOM will provide final coordinates of all transect locations at the conclusion of PWCM.

Following the RM 8.4 transect completion, all personnel mobilized downstream to preliminarily locate the 2 ppt salt front to be followed during the following day's longitudinal transect sampling. After locating the salt front, all personnel mobilized back to the 1 Madison Road boat dock for lunch and to wait for the tide to shift to flood.

When the tide shifted to flood, all personnel mobilized to RM 10.2 to collect surface water samples on the flood tide. Samples and YSI profiles were collected as described above. At 15:20, the 19C-CE02-T102-P4AS-CDM split sample was collected (from the top sampling depth at location 4 along the RM 10.2 transect). OSI dropped off Kristen Durocher at a nearby boat ramp.

All personnel mobilized to RM 8.4 to collect surface water samples on the flood tide. Since Kristen Durocher was no longer on OSI's boat, there was room for Alex Warzinski to come aboard. Samples and YSI profiles were collected as described above. At 16:13, the 19C-CE02-T084-P2BS-CDM split sample was collected (from the bottom sampling depth at location 2 along the RM 8.4 transect) and at 16:38, the 19C-CE02-T084-P6BS-CDM split sample was collected (from the bottom sampling depth at location 6 along the RM 8.4 transect).

Following the RM 8.4 transect flood tide sampling, all personnel mobilized back to the 1 Madison Road boat dock and secured the boats for the evening.

## Summary of Tuesday, July 30, 2019 Field Activities

### **Personnel in Attendance**

Alex Warzinski – CDM Smith Ken Cadmus – OSI Alexandra Allen – OSI Steve Howe – AECOM Mike Tatarelli - AECOM Chris Pelrah – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the 1 Madison Road boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with equipment for sampling. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith rode in a support boat for observation and oversight. All personnel mobilized downstream to identify the 2 ppt salt front.

The 2 ppt salt front was located approximately at the bridge near the Red Bull Arena. Both boats mobilized 2 miles downstream to begin the longitudinal transect during the ebb tide. Sample collection and vertical YSI profiles were conducted, with the most downstream location labeled location 1. Samples and profiles were collected every quarter mile to 1 mile above the 2 ppt salt front in accordance with the CPG QAPP. At 09:58, the 19C-CE04-TSAL-P1AS-CDM split sample was collected (from the top sampling depth at location 1 along the longitudinal transect). At 10:10, the 19C-CE04-TSAL-P2BS-CDM split sample and 19C-CE04-TSAL-P2BS-CDM-100 duplicate split sample were collected (from the bottom sampling depth at location 2 along the longitudinal transect). At 10:58, the 19C-CE04-TSAL-P5AS-CDM split sample was collected (from the top sampling depth at location 5 along the longitudinal transect). At 11:55, the 19C-CE04-TSAL-P9BS-CDM split sample was collected (from the bottom sampling depth at location 9 along the longitudinal transect). Upon completion of the ebb tide

longitudinal transect, all personnel mobilized to near Frank Vincent Marina to break for lunch and wait until the flood tide.

All personnel mobilized to relocate the 2 ppt salt front during flood tide. Due to the tide (and salt front) moving upriver during the flood tide, the flood tide longitudinal transect was collected from upstream to downstream. Location 1 was still identified as the most downstream location. The reverse sampling approach was discussed as being consistent with the goal of collecting peak turbidity data along the transect. The high turbidity near the salt front would be bracketed regardless of sampling directions, and sampling the opposite direction of salt front movement ensures that the salt front will be caught during sampling (the salt front moves at roughly the same rate the crew can purge and sample). At 16:48, the 19C-CE02-TSAL-P8BS-CDM split sample was collected (from the bottom sampling depth at location 8 along the longitudinal transect). At 17:49, the 19C-CE02-TSAL-P4AS-CDM split sample was collected (from the top sampling depth at location 4 along the longitudinal transect). Following collection of the flood tide longitudinal transect, all personnel mobilized back to the 1 Madison Road boat dock and secured the boats for the evening.

# Summary of Wednesday, July 31, 2019 Field Activities

### **Personnel in Attendance**

Alex Warzinski – CDM Smith Ken Cadmus – OSI Alexandra Allen – OSI Steve Howe – AECOM Chris Pelrah – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the 1 Madison Road boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with a winch and the tools for servicing. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith rode in a separate boat for observation and oversight.

Both crews mobilized to RM 13.5. OSI began by collecting a vertical YSI profile at RM 13.5. OSI then began servicing the RM 13.5 buoy-mounted YSI. The YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good (here and elsewhere in this oversight summary report, a good comparison means that measurements from the deployed YSI did not show obvious data quality issues relative to the calibrated boat YSI), so the YSI was redeployed.

The RM 13.5 bottom mooring locator buoy was released and the mooring was retrieved. The bottom-mounted YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good. The ADCP was removed, cleaned, had its data downloaded, and its four sensors were confirmed to be functional. The ADCP battery was replaced and its compass was recalibrated. Both the ADCP and YSI were remounted, and the

locator buoy was reset. The mooring was then lowered back to its original position using the global positioning system (GPS) located above the winch arm. A second vertical YSI profile was collected at RM 13.5 to bracket the data.

Both crews mobilized to RM 15.8. OSI began by collecting a vertical YSI profile at RM 15.8. OSI then began servicing the RM 15.8 buoy-mounted YSI. The YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good, so the YSI was redeployed. A second vertical YSI profile was collected at RM 15.8 to bracket the data.

Following the RM 15.8 servicing, Alex Warzinski was dropped at the 1 Madison boat dock to complete packing and shipment of all CDM Smith split samples collected earlier during PWCM. The remaining crew on the water then mobilized to RM 12.0 to complete the day's servicing task.

## Summary of Thursday, August 1, 2019 Field Activities

### **Personnel in Attendance**

Alex Warzinski – CDM Smith Ken Cadmus – OSI Alexandra Allen – OSI Steve Howe – AECOM Chris Pelrah – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the Frank Vincent Marina boat ramp in Kearny, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with a winch and the tools for servicing. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith rode in a separate boat for observation and oversight.

Both crews mobilized to RM 8.4. OSI began by collecting a vertical YSI profile at RM 8.4. OSI then began servicing the RM 8.4 buoy-mounted YSI. The YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good, so the YSI was redeployed.

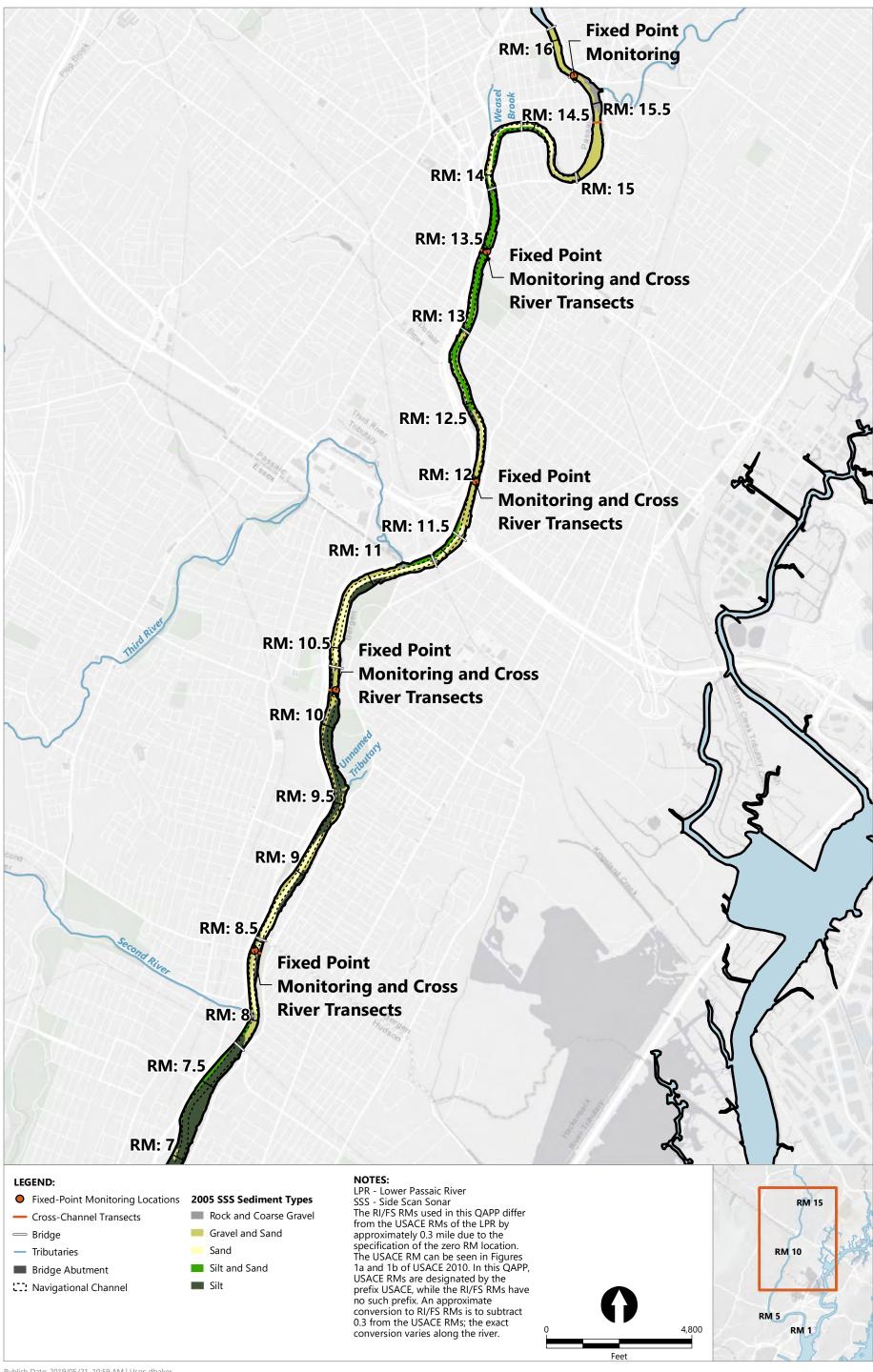
The RM 8.4 bottom mooring locator buoy was released, and the mooring was retrieved. The bottom-mounted YSI was removed and cleaned, and had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good. The turbidity sensor had accumulated some grime under the wiper, so the wiper head was replaced. The ADCP was removed, cleaned, had its data downloaded, and its four sensors were confirmed to be functional. The ADCP battery was replaced and its compass was recalibrated. Both the ADCP and YSI were remounted, and the locator buoy was reset. The mooring was then lowered back to its original position using the GPS located above the winch arm. A second vertical YSI profile was collected at RM 8.4 to bracket the data.

Both crews mobilized to RM 10.2. OSI began by collecting a vertical YSI profile at RM 10.2. OSI then began servicing the RM 10.2 buoy-mounted YSI. The YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good, so the YSI was redeployed.

The RM 10.2 bottom mooring locator buoy was released, and the mooring was retrieved. The bottom-mounted YSI was removed and cleaned, had its data downloaded, had its wiper confirmed functional, and was compared against the calibrated boat YSI. The comparison was good. The wiper was replaced proactively. The ADCP was removed, cleaned, had its data downloaded, and its four sensors were confirmed to be functional. The ADCP battery was replaced and its compass was recalibrated. Both the ADCP and YSI were remounted, and the locator buoy was reset. The mooring was then lowered back to its original position using the GPS located above the winch arm. A second vertical YSI profile was collected at RM 10.2 to bracket the data.

All personnel returned to the Frank Vincent Marina boat ramp, removed the boats from the river, and departed the site.

# Figure 1



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# Attachment 1 Photographs of Field Activities



Photograph 1: Vertical YSI profile being performed at RM 10.2 during ebb tide.



Photograph 2: Sampling being performed on RM 10.2 transect during ebb tide.





Photograph 4: Sampling being performed on RM 10.2 transect during flood tide.



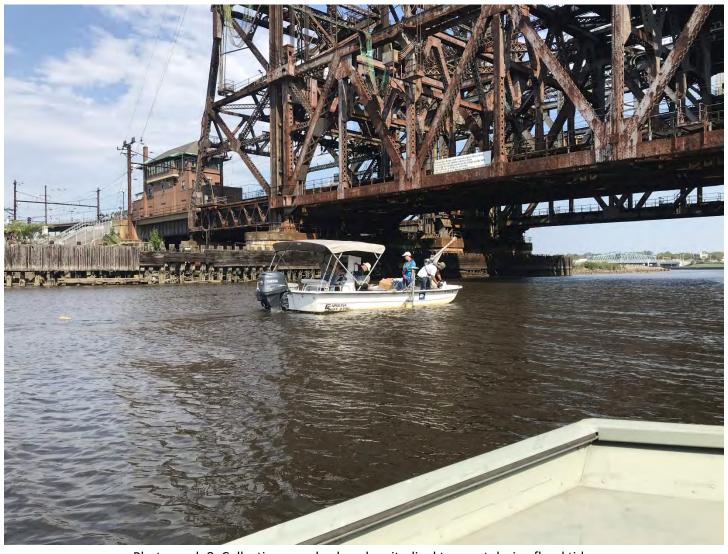
Photograph 5: Sampling being performed on RM 8.4 transect during flood tide.



Photograph 6: Locating the salt front during ebb tide.



Photograph 7: Collecting split sample along longitudinal transect during ebb tide.



Photograph 8: Collecting sample along longitudinal transect during flood tide.



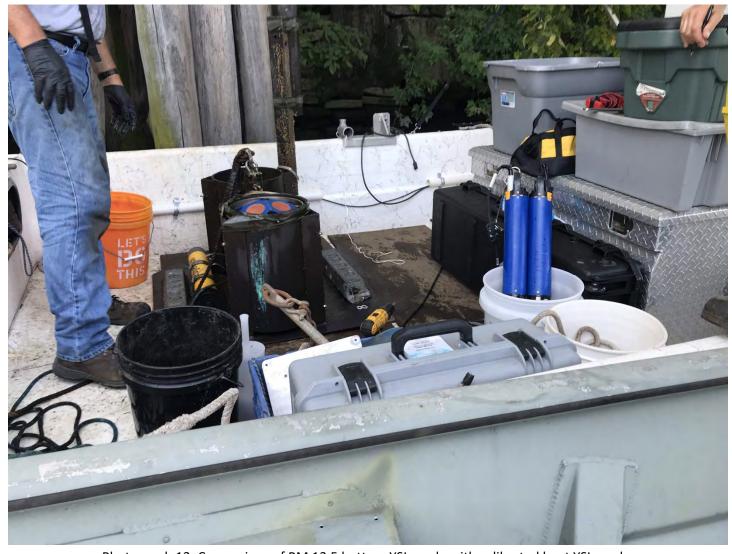
Photograph 9: Collecting split sample along longitudinal transect during flood tide.



Photograph 10: Retrieving RM 13.5 buoy for servicing.



Photograph 11: Cleaning RM 13.5 top YSI sonde.



Photograph 12: Comparison of RM 13.5 bottom YSI sonde with calibrated boat YSI sonde.



Photograph 13: Replacing RM 13.5 ADCP battery.



Photograph 14: Retrieving and cleaning RM 8.4 mooring.



Photograph 15: RM 8.4 bottom YSI sonde wiper replaced.



Photograph 16: Replacing RM 8.4 ADCP battery.



Photograph 17: Cleaning RM 8.4 bottom YSI sonde.

# Attachment 2

Field Logbook

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# Attachment 3 Sample Tracking Log

# SAMPLE TRACKING LOG Lower Passaic River Oversight

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